

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
(Asheville Division)

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SHIRLEY TETER, :
Plaintiff, :
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vs : Civil Action: 1:17-CV-256
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PROJECT VERITAS ACTION : **EXCERPT OF PROCEEDINGS**
FUND, ET AL, :
Defendants. :
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Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Asheville, North Carolina

The above-entitled action came on for a Jury Trial Proceeding before the HONORABLE MARTIN K. REIDINGER, United States District Judge, in Courtroom 1, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have anything else?

2 MS. WELLS: Your Honor, I think that -- I thought
3 I had written a note to myself. Your Honor, I think
4 that's my argument. Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate
6 the attorneys for indulging the frustrated law professor
7 half of my brain. I will certainly read what has been
8 submitted. There are a number of things that both of you
9 have referred to that I obviously will need to go back
10 and look at in my notes. Obviously, I find -- I find it
11 to be a troubling question. Put it that way. Because on
12 the one hand I'm very concerned about making any ruling
13 that is not only detrimental to the First Amendment but
14 eviscerates the First Amendment. That's why I keep using
15 -- I keep running that Mike Wallace analogy through my
16 mind. If you made this argument against Mike Wallace,
17 would everybody in the room laugh? And, with candor, Ms.
18 Wells, there are some parts of your argument that, if you
19 made that argument about Mike Wallace, people in the room
20 would laugh but other parts not.

21 At the other end of the spectrum I do have some
22 concern because I think that the veracity of the media
23 has certainly come into question in recent years, and I
24 certainly don't mean in the last two years. Therefore,
25 if there are no boundaries at all then that causes a

CERTIFICATE

I, Tracy Rae Dunlap, RMR, CRR, an Official Court Reporter for the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, do hereby certify that I transcribed, by machine shorthand, the proceedings had in the case of SHIRLEY TETER versus PROJECT VERITAS ACTION FUND, et al, Civil Action Number 1:17-CV-256, on May 21, 2019.

In witness whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name, this 23rd day of May, 2019.

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